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Subject: For Planning Commission RE: Wind Project Setbacks Data

Aloha Planning Commission, DPP Director, and staff,

I am the Organizer for the Sierra Club working on building grassroots support on improving our energy systems with special attention to the need for justice, equity, and aloha 'āina. Recently, our O'ahu Group Executive Committee submitted testimony in support of establishing better setback requirements and regulatory requirements that work with host communities in the design and planning of projects.

The Planning Commission's recent decision to wait 60 days until reaching a decision on a setback. Thank you for taking the time to take into consideration the wide range impacts of wind projects. That being said, I would like to offer the following information to help with Commission and DPP reach a setback requirement decision:

[Findings from World Health Organization 2019 Study](#)- recommend 1.5mile setback.
[Sierra Club Wind Siting Advisory](#)- recommend local level governance and meaningful community engagement. NPM was approved by the PUC without official release of its EIS.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide additional resources in consideration of this critical issue to incorporate mindful setbacks for the communities hosting renewable energy projects.

Stay resilient,



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